THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The estimated cost of Narmada Sagar Project is Rs. 1392 crores and that of Sardar Saro-var Project Rs. 4240 crores. These projects have been approved by the Technical Advisory Committee. Revised Estimates for these projects have not been received.

(b) Excessive ground water withdrawals is among the causes of sea-water intrusion in some coastal areas of Sau-rashtra.

(c) Measures like construction of check dams, percolation tanks, tidal regulators, artificial recharge of ground water and legislative measures for regulating ground water withdrawals have been taken.

Ban on export of turmeric

2412. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban export of turmeric;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed ban on export of turmeric has created a glut in the market and the price has fallen to Rs. 850 a quintal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect the interests of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to ban export of turmeric at present.

Applications received in Tamil Nadu for LIC loans|under own your house scheme

2413. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received for LIC loans under Own Your House Scheme in Tamil Nadu duiing 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) what is the number of applications received in Madurai Division and how many were cleared; and

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the genuine applications were re-jected in Madurai Division by the Divisional Manager deliberately without any verification; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a)

Year	Applications Received
1985-86 . 1986-87 .	... 228 390

(b) :	Received	Cleared
1985-86 . 1986-87 .	151 76 (including back-log)	111 78

(c) No genuine applications are reported to have been rejected without veriflca- -tion. All the applications are reported to have been considered on merits.

Howrah TB Hospital

2414. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of Howrah T.B. Hospital, Andul Road, Howrah, for enhancement of reservation charges for beds reserved for treatment of ESI ensured persons has been considered by Government;

(b) whether the Ministry bad deputed an officer to study the facilities provided in the said Hospital; and

(c) if so, what recommendations have been made on the genuine demand of the said Hospital management and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Reservation charges have since been enhanced to Rs. 20 per occupied bed per day.

1980 में जासूसी करने के लिए थानाध्यक्ष की गिरफ्तारी

2415. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रामाकृष्णापुरम्, नई दिल्ली के वर्तमान थानाध्यक्ष (एस०एच०ओ०) को जासूसी करने के आरोप में चीनी दूतावास से गिरफ्तार किया गया था, यदि हां, तो उसके विरुद्ध किस न्यायालय में अभियोग चलाया गया और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस थानाध्यक्ष के विरुद्ध केवल निचले न्यायालय में ही मामला चलाया गया था, जिसने उसे दोषमुक्त कर दिया था और यदि हां, तो क्या उसके विरुद्ध आसूचना ब्यूरो (आई०बी०) के पास कोई ठोस प्रमाण नहीं थे ;

(ग) जासूसी या देशद्रोह के इस मामले को गंभीरता से न लिये जाने तथा इस मामले को उच्च न्यायालय या उच्चतम न्यायालय तक ले जाने के बजाय इसे निचले न्यायालय तक ही सीमित रखे जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इस थानाध्यक्ष के विरुद्ध अभी भी उच्च न्यायालय में अभियोग चलाने की स्थिति में है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) से (घ) दिल्ली पुलिस की विशिष्ट शाखा द्वारा एकत्र की गई सूचना के आधार पर उसे 7 अक्तूबर, 1978 को गिरफ्तार किया गया था । उसे चीनी दूतावास से गिरफ्तार नहीं किया गया था । शासकीय गोपनीयता अधिनियम की धारा 3 तथा 5 और भारतीय दण्ड संहिता की धारा 120-बी के अधीन आरोप लगाये गये । पर्याप्त साक्ष्य के अभाव में अपर मुख्य महानगर परिषद मजिस्ट्रेट, नई दिल्ली की अदालत द्वारा उसे 16 अक्तूबर, 1979 को रिहा किया गया । विभागीय जांच में भी उसे माफी दी गयी थी ।

Promotions in the Mithila Gramin Bank

2416. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4062 given in the Rajya S&bha on the 27th August, 1987 and state:

(a) wheher NABARD has implemented Government's advice to replace the nine irregularly promoted staff in Mithila Gramin Bank, by nine empanelled Candidaates:

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The NABARD had directed the Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank and its sponsoring bank, .namely, Central Bank of India to get the nine staff candidates, promoted earlier as Field Supervisors, replaced by the empanelled candidates for this post